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**By ECF**

The Honorable Denise L. Cote  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Rafael Ramos  
04 Cr. 972-01 (DLC)

Dear Judge Cote:

I represented Mr. Ramos in the above-named matter, having been appointed pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act. Judgment was entered on April 24, 2009, and Your Honor sentenced Mr. Ramos to a total of 25 years imprisonment following his plea of guilty to Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute Cocaine; Murder in Connection with a Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute Cocaine; and Use and Possession of a Firearm in Relation to a Crime of Violence and a Drug Trafficking Crime.

Mr. Ramos has written me to request that I represent him on a potential motion for a sentencing reduction pursuant to Section 404 of the First Step Act. It is therefore respectfully requested that the Court re-appoint undersigned counsel to represent Mr. Ramos for this purpose.

If the Court has any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

/ s /

David Stern

*Granted.*

*Denise Cote*  
*7/20/23*